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GUILTY PLEA IN NASA THEFT CASE

On December 10, 1999, Martin G. Forte of Maple Heights, OH, entered a plea of guilty to one felony count of attempted grand theft in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Forte was previously charged with two felony theft counts resulting from the September 20, 1999, theft of an automobile and a NASA-owned computer. Sentencing was set for January 7, 2000.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Detectives from the Maple Heights, OH, Police Department, and Security Officers from the NASA John Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH. Assistant Prosecutor Roger Kramer of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Department, Cleveland, OH (216) 443-7800, handled the prosecution.

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